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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

The following is filed in timely response to the final Office Action mailed on January 25, 2008, wherein the Examiner:

1. Declined to consider the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 2, 2007 on grounds it failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 and MPEP §609.
2. Found the amended drawings filed on November 21, 2007 to be acceptable.
3. Rejected Claims 1 and 4 under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by applicant's admitted prior art.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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